



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiko TAKADA

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For:

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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CORRECTIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 10, 2001

Sir:

The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections indicated in red ink on the attached four sheets of drawings (Figures 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5 and 7) is respectfully requested.

In Figures 2, 3A, 3B, 4 and 5, please label such figures as "**RELATED ART**", as indicated in red ink; and in Figure 7, please change reference number "**45<sub>3h</sub>**" to reference number **-45<sub>3b</sub>--**, as indicated in red ink.

Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections and a formal Notice of Allowance, a bonded draftsman will be retained and the appropriate corrections will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Five (5) Sheets of Corrected Dwgs. (FIGs. 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5 and 7)  
w/corrections in red ink